

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The indication of allowability of claims 4 and 10 is appreciated. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to be dependent upon claim 4. Claims 5-7 are dependent upon claim 4 and claims 11-13 are dependent upon claim 10. Claim 9 has been canceled.

The rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 has been addressed by reciting the successive layers and then noting that the PTFE tape is one of those layers between the carcass 1 and the external sheath 5. The dependent claims show that it may be at any of various locations between those two elements. It is believed that claim 4 therefore is accurate and that the rejection has been addressed.

Claim 10 has been amended to describe the position of the polymer sheath between two others of the layers.

It is submitted that the form of claims 4 and 10 have been corrected. If not, please telephone the undersigned as the undersigned has tried to correct the claims as required in order to obtain allowance of the claims.

Claims 1-3 and 7 were rejected over prior art. Claim 1 had been canceled. Claims 2 and 3 are now dependent upon claim 4 and claim 7 had been dependent upon claim 4. With these claim amendments, it is submitted that the rejection of those claims in their unamended form, when not dependent upon claim 4, has been rendered moot.

As Applicant has accepted those claims indicated as allowable, has amended the claims to overcome the section 112 rejection, has amended rejected claims to either be dependent upon allowable claims or has canceled them, it is submitted that Applicant has complied with all of the requirements for obtaining allowance of the claims, so that entry of this Amendment and allowance of remaining claims 4, 2, 3, 5-7 and 10-13 is requested. If there is question about claim language in either of claims 4 and 10, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to modify the claims as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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